



LIBERTY LINK

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Within our beautiful community we are blessed with the natural surroundings and opportunities to connect with our neighbors. Start planning for your neighborhood barbeque and exchange phone numbers. It is that simple to form a Neighborhood Watch and keep an eye out for what is out of place. Participate in the National Night Out on August 4th.

Liberty Lake is well known for its volunteerism and close-knit community. Concerts and movies in the park, CHILL day camp, summer reading program, and many other activities are taking place throughout the summer. I would like to thank the many organizations that truly make a difference within the community. Many organizations such as Kiwanis, Rotary, SCOPE, Theatre Group, PTSA, FOPP, and committees that put together the many events that happen in our community, are the movers and shakers of Liberty Lake!

The Liberty Lake Youth Commission is in its third year and going strong. If you are in grades 8 thru 12 you can learn leadership skills, give input on youth issues to the City Council, enjoy community service, and plan events. The Youth Commission meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. This is your chance to shine!

Are you interested in shaping the community? If so, please join a board or commission. We currently have

SKATE PARK NOW OPEN!

By Troy Mullenix

Recreation Coordinator

The sounds of skate boards hitting the concrete begun filling the air days before the new Skate Park at Pavillion Park was finished.

The official Grand Opening of the new Skate Park was this past week on the 4th of July. A large crowd was treated to a ribbon cutting ceremony as well as special demonstrations from local skate shops & enthusiasts. Hours for the park are from dawn to dusk.



applications for: Arts Commission, Salary Commission, Planning Commission, and Youth Commission. Contact the City and we will be happy to get you connected within these organizations. Log on to our website at www.libertylakewa.gov.

I am looking forward to meeting you!

Mayor Wendy Van Orman

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MEET YOUR CITY COUNCIL

Ryan Romney

Position 6

Biography:

Hello, my name is Ryan Romney. I am the newest member of the City of Liberty Lake City Council.

My educational background is in computer science and electrical engineering. My parents were born and raised in Spokane County. I moved back here shortly before marrying my wife Jessica twelve years ago. Since then we have had five energetic children. I love keeping active and engaged with the world around me.

I am eager to participate with the Liberty Lake City Council, and can't wait to meet you!

Ryan Romney



CITY DRAFT PARKS PLAN UPDATE NOTICE

By Amanda Tainio

Planning & Building Services Manager

NOTICE OF CITY PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, & TRAILS PLAN UPDATE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS THAT:

The Planning Commission of the City of Liberty Lake will hold a public hearing on the draft City Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Plan Update. Attendees will have the opportunity to give testimony on the above-mentioned draft Update.

The public hearing will be held Wednesday, July 8th, 2009, beginning at 4pm @ the Liberty Lake City Hall Council Chambers, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive, Liberty Lake, WA.

A brief presentation on the draft City Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Plan Update will be conducted at the beginning of the hearing.

If you have any questions, please contact the City of Liberty Lake Planning & Building Services at 755-6708. Information and a copy of the draft Update is also available on the City website at http://www.libertylakewa.gov/development/public_notices.asp.

RED CROSS PREPAREDNESS TIPS

By Wendy Van Orman

Mayor

This past year, the Inland Northwest has experienced snow emergencies, wildfires, and flooding – all demonstrating that disasters can strike quickly and without warning. It can force you to evacuate your neighborhood or confine you to your home.

At the American Red Cross, they encourage families and businesses to take three simple steps to ensure they are prepared.

Get a Kit: Assemble a disaster supply kit with items you may need for at least three days. Include things such as water, food, and medications. Keep supplies in easy-to-carry containers.

Make a Plan: Meet with your household members or co-workers. Discuss plans for different types of emergencies and identify responsibilities for each person.

Be Informed: Learn what disasters may occur in your area and identify how you will get information. Ensure someone is trained in first aid and CPR, and can use an AED.

On average, the American Red Cross responds to an emergency or disaster in our region once every 48 hours. It is not a matter of “if”, but “when” another emergency or disaster may occur.

To learn more on preparedness tips, visit www.spokaneredcross.org or call (509) 326-3330.

JULY STORY TIMES

By Amy Dickeson

Children's Librarian

Stories and Crafts

3 years and up

Fridays @ 1:00pm

Saturdays @ 10:30am

July 10, 11 Ducks

July 17, 18 Colors

July 24, 25 Lions

July 31 Dr. Seuss

*July 3rd & 4th Cancelled

Mondays
10:15 and 11:00am

Baby Laptime

Books, Rhymes, and Music
Ages 9 months – 24 months

Fridays
10:15am

Toddler/Preschool
Story Time

Stories, music, and
dramatic play
18+ months



Library To Begin Outreach to Home-bound

Liberty Lake Municipal Library and SCOPE have partnered to extend Library service to the home-bound in Liberty Lake this July. Those residents in the area who cannot come to the Library because of chronic illness or disability can register with the Library for a monthly delivery and pickup of books, audio books, and movies. To register please call the Library at 232-2510.

Come see the new Library!

23123 E. Mission Ave Liberty Lake, WA 99019

Phone: (509) 232-2510

Fax: (509) 232-2512

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Get ready for another fun-filled summer reading program at the Liberty Lake Municipal Library! This year's themes are Be Creative and Express Yourself @ Your Library. This summer's program will run June 13th through August 15th. Children ages 4 and up are invited to participate by keeping track of their reading during the nine-week session. They will earn prizes as they read and take part in weekly activities, games, and crafts at the library. Special events will include art and music demonstrations, a Guitar Hero competition, a Dance Dance Revolution dance off, and, of course, the annual summer carnival at the park!

For more information, please visit the Liberty Lake Library's website at:
www.libertylakewa.gov/library



Liberty Lake Municipal Library
Summer Reading Program at Pavillion
Park (Summer Carnival)

NEW LIBRARY, RECORD STATISTICS

By Georgette Rogers

Circulation Supervisor

The Liberty Lake Municipal Library has experienced a wonderful surge of use during the month of June. We have had visits from 4,395 patrons including several school classes that came to learn about our very popular summer reading program. Just this past month, we have issued a total of 225 new cards. 111 of those to adults, and 114 to minors. 50 new cards were issued in one weeks time! The 50 cards in one week is a new Liberty Lake Municipal Library record, as we usually issue around 50 cards for an entire month, not per week.

The summer reading program is going strong. We do not have true statistics in quite yet, as to how many patrons have signed up, mainly because people are still able to sign up and participate. For more information, or to sign up for the exciting Summer Reading Program at the Library, please call 232-2510 or visit the Library website:
<http://www.libertylakewa.gov/library>

Keep in mind that adults are able to participate as well this year.

The library is a truly fun and informative place to be, so come and see us anytime during hours of operation.

Mon, Tue, & Fri: 10:00am—6:00pm
Wed & Thu: 12:00pm—8:00pm
Sat: 10:00am—4:00pm

Q & A

HOW TO SUBMIT A QUESTION?

One of my goals as Mayor of Liberty Lake is to be as open as I can and give answers to some questions you may have. Hence, this special Question and Answer section in our newsletter gives you the chance to get those questions answered directly by me. Please send questions you may have to: wvanorman@libertylakewa.gov. I will try to answer most of your questions in upcoming newsletters. Until then, I look forward to meeting you.

MAYOR VAN ORMAN



To read more Questions & Answers visit our Q & A Web Page:
www.libertylakewa.gov/questions

Question to the Mayor:

"I've been hearing a lot about the 'Buy Local' campaign. What exactly is it, and how can I get involved?"

Answer from the Mayor:

"The City of Liberty Lake has taken steps to help promote the campaign by handing out free re-usable bags to all households in the City (1/3 at a time). Inside the bags are flyers promoting area businesses. The next round of bags goes out in July, and the last of the bags in September. Look for posters inside local businesses.

Goals of the campaign include:

- Keep Your Neighbors Working. We want to secure the employment of our friends, neighbors and family members.
- Keep Our Local Economy Strong. Buying local strengthens area businesses, service providers and employees. \$1 spent at a business in the area re-circulates, creating jobs and revenue for supporting services.
- Keep Our Community Strong. Buying local contributes to our community's tax base and charitable giving. Business owners and managers in our region have a vested interest in their community's long-term health.
- Keep Recycling Your Dollar. Locally-sourced products are often "greener," because they don't require as many fossil fuels to reach you. Recycling your dollar by buying local is one more way to conserve natural resources."

Question to the Mayor:

"I heard bus fares have increased? How much, and where can I get bus passes?"

Answer from the Mayor:

"STA recently passed the increase of bus fares. The current fare is \$1.00, going up to \$1.25 in 2010 then to \$1.50 for 2011 and 2012. You can get bus passes online or here at City Hall as well."

Question to the Mayor:

"What kinds of summer activities do you have planned for the kids?"

Answer from the Mayor:

"The City of Liberty Lake is currently hosting our 3rd year of Summer Day Camp, CHILL (Children Hangin' In Liberty Lake). This year, we had a huge response and were sold-out back in May. A waiting list has been started, but there are many other exciting things for kids to do this summer. The Liberty Lake Community Theatre has partnered up with the City to offer a week-long camp starting July 13th at Pavillion Park. Also, back by popular demand, the British Soccer Camps will be held the following week of July 20th. Coaches from overseas will be flown in to teach those registered the fundamentals of soccer. We are excited for this summer, and be sure to stop by Pavillion Park and check out the new skate park!"

RECREATION PROGRAMS

UPCOMING EVENTS

By Troy Mullenix

Recreation Coordinator

This summer will not only be filled with movies in the park, the farmers market, 4th of July activities, and many others; but also numerous City events as well.

Coming up on Tuesday, August 4th, is the annual National Night Out. National Night Out (NNO) is a unique community event, celebrated in the United States and Canada, that focuses on prevention of crime and drug activity, and is held the first Tuesday of August every year. This year, NNO falls on August 4th.

To celebrate National Night Out, the City of Liberty Lake will be hosting a FREE Ice Cream Social Event at Pavillion Park starting at 6:00pm. Come meet members of the City Council, City Staff, the Mayor, and enjoy some FREE Ice Cream! Following the Ice Cream Social will be the annual City Council Meeting under the Pavilion. This is a great opportunity to become more involved with your community.

Coming up Thursday, August 27th, the City of Liberty Lake and the Liberty Lake Municipal Library have partnered up to offer another exciting Guitar Hero Tournament. Last year's event was such a huge success that we are doing it again. Tournament starts around 3pm, and ends on the big screen at Pavillion Park around 10pm. Be sure to sign up early, before the tournament fills up. Check out the City's website soon for more information.

Sign Up & Pay Online!!

<http://www.libertylakewa.gov/recreation>



Chi Kung (for Adults & Seniors)

Get inspired this summer. Learn gentle movements and breathing techniques to improve circulation, reduce stress, & more. Classes start July 22nd and run every Wednesday thru Aug 26th (2:30-3:30pm) \$65/person for all 6 classes.



Dance Classes

Thursdays Starting July 23rd

#1: LATIN DANCE (6:00pm-6:50pm)

#2: ROMANCE DANCE (7:00pm-7:50pm)

Learn the basics to these dance styles \$39/person or \$69/couple (for 4 Thursdays) Sign Up & Pay Online!



River Rafting Trips

Experience exciting Class III rapids on the Clark Fork River in Montana!

Trip includes deli-bar lunch!

\$75 per person.

Trip dates: 7/18, 7/25, 8/2, & 8/9



Summer Theatre Camp

July 13th—July 17th

Come join the Liberty Lake Community Theatre's week-long summer camp. Students will explore all areas of theatre!

Camp offered for kids 1st grade thru 5th \$56 per child.



Tai Chi

Tai Chi is a slow, gentle exercise that can be performed by any age or fitness level.

10-week class runs every Monday starting July 20th (6:00pm—7:00pm) \$75 per person (includes all 10 classes!)

GET INVOLVED WITH THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE

Wednesday, July 1st

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—1pm, City Hall
- SCOPE Meeting, 6:30pm, City Hall

Thursday, July 2nd

- Rotary Club Meeting
12pm, Denny Ashlock Building

Friday, July 3rd

- *City Hall Closed*

Saturday, July 4th

- *Independence Day*

Tuesday, July 7th

- City Council Meeting, 7pm, City Hall

Wednesday, July 8th

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—2pm, City Hall
- Planning Commission Meeting
Public Hearing, 4pm, City Hall

Thursday, July 9th

- Rotary Club Meeting
12pm, Denny Ashlock Building

Monday, July 13th

- Central Valley School Board Meeting
6:30pm, 19307 E. Cataldo Ave.

Wednesday, July 15th

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—1pm, City Hall
- Sewer / Water Board Meeting, 7pm,
Denny Ashlock Building
- Meadowwood Homeowner's
Association Meeting, 7pm, City Hall

Thursday, July 16th

- Rotary Club Meeting
12pm, Denny Ashlock Building

Tuesday, July 21st

- City Council Meeting, 7pm, City Hall

Wednesday, July 22nd

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—1pm, City Hall

Thursday, July 23rd

- Rotary Club Meeting
12pm, Denny Ashlock Building

Monday, July 27th

- Central Valley School Board Meeting
6:30pm, 19307 E. Cataldo Ave.

Wednesday, July 29th

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—1pm, City Hall

Thursday, July 30th

- Rotary Club Meeting
12pm, Denny Ashlock Building



Farmers Market: Saturdays 9am to 1pm, 1421 N. Meadowwood Ln



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A Newsletter for Liberty Lake Citizens

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